

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Third, the scope and validity of each claim (whether in independent, dependent, or multiple dependent form) should be determined based upon the entire combination of elements/features/steps in each claim, as opposed to only the particular feature or features pointed out by the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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